current as this and therefore, notwithing the Archangel story, General Greely stood unshaken in his disbelief in the re-

turn of Nansen as describe. Lieutenant Scheutz made the point that has apparently escaped observation, that if THEY ARE BANKRUPT AND WILL the first story from Irkutsk was correct then Nansen was sighted or heard from off the Lena river delta away back last summer. Lieutenant Scheutz is thoroughly familiar with the country. He says that from Irkutsk to Yakutsk, which is the most northerly Russian post of any significance, is a distance of about two thousand miles, and communication is had by sleds or in summer by rafts down the river Lena. From Yakutsk to Ust Yansk, at the mouth of the Lena, where the Russian trader is said to have heard from Nansen, is a distance of 1,500 miles through an unbroken wilderness, and the means of communica tion are reindeer or dogs. The only travel between Yakutsk and Ust Yansk is confined to a few half-breed traders, who go up to the latter point early in the winter and stay there until the next spring. Many months are required for the trip, and so any news coming from Ust Yansk of Nansen

must be very old. Reverting to the possibility of the same news coming from Archangel, Lieutenan cheutz said that it was extremely unlikely, although it was not entirely impossible that after having been sighted somewhere off the Lena delta, Nansen may have worked his way westward clear to the neighborhood of Archangel. Lieutenant Scheutz explained the difficulties that might be encountered in the attempt to trace such a rumor as that in question. He said that the natives who have sighted an Arctic explorer would not conceive the nature of his undertaking, and, owing to their dense ignorance, it would hardly be possible for them to transmit an intelligible account of the event through many such natives and after that through half-breeds who knew little more to civilization. In illustration, he cited the experience of Nordenskjold, who passed one of the Siberian islands in a fog, while a hunting party of the natives were on it. The natives could not see the steamer Vega, | township, where the tragedy occurred. owing to the fog, but hearing the churning of the screw they were stricken with terror. put out their camp fires and hid themselves n the ice, and not till months afterwards | Cornerstone Laying at Logansport by was it finally wormed out of them by a half-breed, who had been fortunate enough to have once seen a steam vessel, that the explorer had actually passed in their vi-

The statement having been made that Lieutenant Peary had attained the highest north, 83 degrees, General Greely has come forward with a contradiction, General Greely says: "Strongly as I have admired and praised the ccurage and endurance of Mr. Peary in successfully crossing the ice-cap of north Greenland, I cannot silently see ascribed to him the honors that belong per-sonally to a gallant soldier, dead on the field of honor, the lamented Lockwood. Far from attaining the highest northern point, Peary which my expedition lived two years. He has been surpassed by the Swede, Van Otter, 1868, 81 degrees, 42 minutes north; the Austrian, Payer, 1874, 82 degrees, 7 minutes north; Meyer (with Hall), 872, 82 degrees, 9 minutes north; Hall and Buddington, 1871, 82 degrees, 16 minutes north; the Englishman, Beaumont (with Nares)),)) 1876, 82 degrees, 21 m. N.; Parry, 1887, 82 deg., 45 m. N.; Al-Irich (with Nares), 1876, 83 deg., .07 m. Markham (with Nares), 1876, 83 deg., 20 m. N. Lastly, the honors of the highest north, which for three centuries had remaine with England, passed to America through the explorations of the expedition I had the honor to command, when Lockwood and Brainard reached 83 deg., 24 m. N., a point that to this time has been unsurpass Nansen and Jackson wrest this recon from America I stand foremost among men eager to do them honor, but until such levement shall be substantiated I hold fast for the men and officers who suffered and triumphed under my orders, and am sure that no man will speak out in their defense more quickly than an officer of the United States navy, to whom these erroneously ascribed honors must be dis-

Judge Daly's Views. NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Judge Charles P. Daly, president of the American Geographical Society, when shown the dispatch from London to-day regarding Dr. Nansen's return from the north pole, said to a re-porter: "This is rather better than the first account we had. It is a remarkable circumstance that the news should come from these two places, but, coming from points widely separate as Archangel and Irkutsk is rather in favor of the news being rue. But I shall want some further information yet before accepting the report as a fact. I have always believed the pole would be reached some day, and Nansen would say that his project presented a way that seemed as likely to succeed as any other, though it was somewhat dangerous. But I cannot understand how he happens to be returning in this way. If he had sailed the course he intended following—the current that carried the drift from the eannette-the expectation was that it would bring him out between Spitzbergen and east Greenland, and the first news of him should naturally reach us from Ham-

Thinks It a Fake Rumor. JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Feb. 15 .- Professor Dyche, the explorer who went with Peary in his last expedition to the north. an interview to-day expressed his disbelief of Dr. Nansen's reported discovery of the north pole. It is a fake rumor, he thought, similar to the one last summer.

FAIR WEATHER TO-DAY.

Colder in Southern Indiana, and Northwesterly Winds. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- For Indiana and Illinois-Fair; colder in southern portions; northwesterly winds. For Ohlo-Fair Sunday; decidedly colder in outhern portion; northwesterly winds.

Yesterday's Temperatures. The following table of temperatures is furnished by the United States Weather

Bureau:			
	7 a.m.	Max.	7 p.
Atlanta	42		
Bismarck, N. D	18	**	
Buffalo	38	**	
Calgary, N. W. T	14	44	
Cairo, Ill	38	56	
Cheyenne	20	48	
Chicago	38	40	
Concordia	36	42	
Davenport, Ia	** 95	38	
Des Moines	20	28	
Dodge City	30	56	
		78.85	
Helena Jacksonville, Fla	30	2	
Kansas City, Mo	43	46	
Little Rock, Ark	26		
Marquette, Mich	10	62	7 36
Memphis	28	60	
Nashville	24	62	
New Orleans	44	90	
New York	30	1	
New York North Platte, Neb	26	52	
Oklahoma, O. T	40	58	
Omaha	26	26	
Pittsburg	42	53	
Qu' Appelle, N. W. T	•12		
Rapid City, S. D	30	46	
Salt Lake City	36	52	
St. Louis		50	
St. Paul	4		
Springfield, Ill	38	44	
Springfield, Mo	38	52	
Vicksburg	38	62	
Washington, D C	34	1.66	

*Below zero. Saturday's Local Observations. Bar. Ther. R.H. Wind. Weather, Pre. 39 71 South. Clear. 7 p. m. 30.11 33 75 S'west. Rain. Maximum temperature, 51; minimum tem-Following is a comparative statement of

the temperature and precipitation Feb. 15: cormal Departure from normal Departure since Feb. 1 .. Departure since Jan. 1. C. F. R. WAPPENHANS,

Local Forecast Official. Business Embarrassments.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- Following the assignnent of the private banking firm of Kopper which occurred late yesterday aftertoon, Alexander Kopperl, the banker at No. 571 South Canal street, also closed his doors this morning. The news of the closing of his son's bank spread quickly, and the depositora mostly small tradesmen, started a run on Alexander Kopperi's bank, forcing the assignment. There was considerable excitement, and the police had to be called out to prevent violence. The assets are stated to be from \$20,000 to \$25,000, and will be more than sufficient to meet all liabilities. NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- The schedules in the assignment of the Stanley-Bradley nominal assets, \$75,147; actual assets,

Tillman's System Indorsed.

PROVIDENCE, R. L. Feb. 15.-Benjamin Tillman, United States Senator from south Carolina, addressed the Commercial Club at the Narragansett Hotel to-night on the liquor laws of South Carolina. He said that the dispensary law in South Carolina, site political machinations, had becom financial and moral success. President ndrews, of Brown University, indorsed Mr. nan's system as superior to the Norvegian, and said that the thanks of the blic are due to the promoter of the in-nious system which had made South Carforemost in the history of progressive

KELLERS GONE HOME

SUE FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Coroner Rogers, of Monroe County, Dies from an Operation-\$366,366 Oil Deal at Montpelier.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ROCKVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15 .- The Kellers-Dan, Nannie and Maggie-got off the 5:42 train at Marshall yesterday evening. A large crowd of Marshall citizens were at the station, but no demonstration against the Kellers was made. It was a happy family reunion of the Kellers and their relatives. Dan and his wife and sister went to Scott Martin's for supper and remain over night. Here they talked quite freely. Dan said he had no ill feeling against any one, and this has been marked with him throughout his trial at Terre Haute. He told the correspondent he was bankrupt | rison, 4. and did not have a dollar in the world. He had twenty-five cents given him by his mother on the train. Mrs. Keller was worn out, and was glad to get back, while Maggie Keller was very happy and was willing to talk. She says her attorney, John E Lamb, will bring a \$10,000 damage suit against several well-known citizens of this county. To-day the Kellers left Marshall and returned to their home in Sugar Creek

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

the Grand Lodge.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LOGANSPORT, Ind., Feb. 15 .- The cornerstone of the new Masonic building here was laid this afternoon. The building is being erected by the two Masonic lodges of this city, Tipton, No. 33, and Orlent, No. 272. It will be the finest building of its size owned by any lodge in the State when completed. It will be of Bedford stone and pressed brick, of handsome architecture, and drove to Cambridge City, where he was and modern arrangements for the use of reached, by observation, 81 degrees, 37 min- | the lodges, and also for occupancy by the | Lackey's livery barn at Cambridge City utes north, seven miles to the south of the Pottawatomie Club. The building is to be and boarded the train for Indianapolis. completed Sept. 1, and then the Masonic fraternity of the State will join in a big celebration of the dedication. The exercises to-day were conducted by Grand Master O'Rourke, of Fort Wayne. Lodges from a number of adjoining towns were present and took part in the exercises. All met at the temporary lodge rooms, where the formality of opening the Grand Lodge was gone through in order that the exercise might be said to have been under the auspices of the Grand Lodge. From the the members of the fraternity mrached about the city and to the building site, at the corner of Fourth and North streets. Here the exercises were held. The regular ancient ritualistic form of laying a cornerstone was gone through with. Th claration was made by Maj. Samuel L. McFadin, a Mexican war veteran, and probably the oldest Mason in Indiana. The address of the day was made by the Rev. H. Atwood Percival. The closing exercises were conducted in the lodge hall, where addresses were made by a number of prominent Masons. In the new cornerstone were placed the contents of the old, including a number of rare coins, the encollment of membership at the time of the building of the old temple, and the by- The Bryom Oil Company's No. 2, Lewis laws of the order at that time; also copies Stolder farm, Section 3, Washington townof the by-laws of the present lodges in this city, by-laws of the Grand Lodge, names of | barrel well. members of the local lodge, and grand lodge officers, copies of each of the local daily papers and coins of the present day, including a Columbian half-do The temple which the new structure re places was erected in the early thirties, and was the second brick house built in Cass county. At the time Logansport was a village, and the building of the temple attracted much attention to the place, and

> Senate, and hero of several Indian battles. INDIANA OBITUARY.

Dr. J. M. Rogers Succumbs to an Op eration for Dropsy.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 15.-Dr. J. M. Rogers, of Bloomington, died at 11 o'clock this morning. He had undergone an oper ation by a Louisville physician Wednes-day evening for dropsy of the heart, and was doing well until this morning. Dr. Rogers comes from a prominent family, and has relatives in Indianapolis. He had been in practice four or five years. Dr. Joseph M. Rogers was a leading young physician here and coroner of Monroe county. The interment will be at Lancaster, Ky., Monday.

Dr. Rogers is a brother-in-law of Dr. Smith, superintendent of the insane hospital of Richmond. Dr. Maxwell, of this city, who knew him quite well, says he knows of no relatives in this city. Dr. Maxwell went to Bloomington last week to as sist in removing some fluid from the pleural cavity, and was surprised to learn of the death. Dr. Rogers was about thirty-four

years old and married. Other Deaths in the State. SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 15 .- Palmer C. Perkins, inventor and president of the Perkins Windmill Company, died this morning, aged seventy-two. Death was caused from heart disease. He was born in Bolton, Warren county. New York, April 13, 1824, and had lived in this county since 1865. His wife survives him. Newman Perkins, of Clayton, Mich., and William T. Perkins, of Rensselaer, are his brothers. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon. MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 15.-John Chalpfant died yesterday, aged sixty-four. He was a

soldier and died of paralysis, leaving a widow and four children. The funeral will take place Monday at Mount Pleasant. Huston Brooks, aged eighteen, died yes-terday of typhoid fever. His remains were taken to Dunreith to-day for burial Sun-

Mrs. Jacob Meeks died last night at her me, near Parker. FARMLAND, Ind., Feb. 15.—When the family of Jacob Meek, a wealthy farmer, living two miles north of Parker, returned home from a neighboring spelling school, last night, they found Mrs. Meek, the wife and mother, sitting in a chair, dead. She was in the best of health when the family left a few hours before. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death.

INDIANA POLITICAL NEWS. Congressman Henry's Friends Carry the Primaries in Delaware County.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 16.-At 1 o'clock this morning, with returns from all but nine of the forty-eight precincts in Delaware county, the Republican primaries to-day went for the following: Charles L. Henry, for Congress; joint Senator, Walter L Ball; Representative, W. W. Ross; treasurer, David Lambert; sheriff, Thomas Starr, with Smith Childs a close second; prosecutor, Henry L. Hopping; coroner, Joseph Bowers; two commissioners, Lewis Cowing and M. J. Shroyer; surveyor, O. W. Storer; assessor, William Stewart.

Shockney Club "Blow Out."

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. UNION CITY, Ind., Feb. 15 .- The Shockney Club of this city opened the campaign in this county this evening with a grand "blow out" in Cadwallader's Theater. Prof. F. M. Taylor, of Marion, addressed the club and an audience of about 1,500 people. All the candidates for county offices were present and occupied seats on the stage. Prof. Hindly and S. R. Bell, candidates for Representative, and Andrew J. Stakebake, candidate for joint Senator, and others made short speeches. The Lynn Giee Club and the theater orchestra furnished music. Delegations were present from Ridgeville, Lynn and Winchester.

Quay Gets a Vote in Connersville. Special to the Indianapolis Journal CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15 .- A private ballot was instituted to-day by Daniel

D. Hale, of this city, on the popularity of the prospective candidates for President, in which McKinley received 359 votes, Allison 20, Reed 17, Morton 4, Quay 1. Republicans Buy a Paper. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 15 .- The Hammond Daily Tribune plant which, last November,

of Republicans, headed by State Senator William H. Gostlin and Alfred A. Winslow, or \$3,600. The Tribune Printing Company was organized about nine months ago, with Elmer E. Fulton as president and business manager, and Ben R. Hyman as secretary. When the receiver was appointed the assets amounted to \$16,000 and the liabilities about

Porter County Convention.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. VALPARAISO, Ind., Feb. 15.-The Porter county Republican central committee held a meeting in this city this afternoon and set the date for holding the county convention to select delegates to State and district conventions for March 14. The convention to nominate the county ticket and select delegates to the congressional convention will be held May 23. The committee was unanimous for McKinley for President.

Result of a Vote in Farmland. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FARMLAND, Ind., Feb. 15 .- The locked

ballot box which has been placed on Main street in front of G. E. Retter's store for over a week, with a placard over it requestng each voter to write his own name and that of his choice for President, was opened to-night and the hallots counted. The result of the vote was: McKinley, 236; Reed, 8: Allison, 9; Lincoln, 2; Morton, 4; Har-

SWINDLE AT CONNERSVILLE.

Mysterious Man from Buffalo Works the Town in One Day.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15.-A man about thirty-five years old registered at the McFarlan Hotel here Friday morning, from Buffalo, N. Y., giving the name of Robert Martin, and claimed to be buying fine horses. He immediately commenced elaborately advertising in the daily papers and by some handsome placards, which read something like this: "Wanted-One hundred fine roadsters and combination saddle horses. Want nothing but the best and price cuts no figure.' His scheme having taken effect among horsemen and others who observed his manner of doing things, supposed he was burdened with "gold bonds." This morning he skillfully lined up his newly-made ac-quintances, including the printer and hotel proprietor with a modest request for four or five dollars for expense money until the bank opened. In this way he secured in the neighborhood of \$15, hired a vehicle followed by a telegram to the marshal to arrest him, but he had left the horse in Including his printing, hotel and livery bills, Connersville is out in twenty-four hours not less than \$50. He is about thirty-five years old, five feet six inches, erect, gray mustache, blue eyes, and wears a brown overcoat and

soft, brownish cap, BIG OIL DEAL.

Transfer of \$366,366 in Property in the Indiana Field.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MONTPELIER, Ind., Feb. 15.-The largest | and other points South. transfer of oil property in the Indiana field since oil was first discovered has just been made. The transfer was made by James Hardison, of Geneva, to James A. Graves, and from him to the Northern Indiana Oil Company, which is controlled by the Cudahy Brothers, of Chicago. The property is lo-cated in Jay, Adams and Wells counties, and the consideration was \$366,366,66. The Ohio Oil Company's No. 8, on the West Brothers' farm, Section 24, Jackson township, Wells county, is good for sixty barrels. Bettman, Watson & Co.'s No. 4, P Shadle farm, Section 7, Chester township, same county, is good for thirty-nine barrels ship, Blackford county, is a twenty-five-

Interesting Court News at New Castle. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NEW CASTLE, Ind., Feb. 15 .- Several cases of more than local interest have been decided in the Henry Circuit Court the past week. First was a change of venue case from Madison county in which Edward Barrett, of Alexandria, claimed \$10,000 damages alded it materially in its growth, It was erected by the old Tipton Lodge, which was from the Kelley Ax Manufacturing Comorganized in 1828. It was named after Gen. pany of Alexandria on account of losing an John Tipton, member of the United States arm. The jury wrestled with the evidence for several hours and returned a special verdict answering 160 interrogatories and finding for the plaintiff in the sum of \$2,250. The first violation of the Nicholson law was tried yesterday and resulted in a \$25 fine for the defendant, John Hipes. The case was appealed at once. The violation was covered by Section 3, which requires the saloon to front on the street. Another saloon case, the conclusion of which and the result that it brings is a matter of great rejoicing to the citizens of Lewisville, in this county, was that of Charles Miller, who has been running a quart shop in that place. Sixteen indictments were filed against him for selling after 11 o'clock p. m. He pleaded guilty this morning to one charge and was ined \$10. The other cases were nollied by the prosecutor on condition that Miller

leave the town and county at once and for good. This Miller agreed to do. A Woman Stands Off a Burglar. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RUSHVILE, Ind., Feb. 15.-Mrs. Captain

Frazee last night had an experience with a burglar at her home, in the west end of town, which shows her remarkable nerve and presence of mind in an emergency. She yesterday drew her quarterly allowance of pension money and secreted it in a bureau drawer. About 2 o'clock this morning she was aroused by a noise at the sitting room window, and awoke in time to see a burglar enter. She sprang from her bed, well knowing that the robber wanted her money. She armed herself with an old army pistol, once carried by her husband, and, striking a match, confronted the burglar with her cocked pistol and commanded him to depart if he valued his life. The fellow sneaked out the window and was lost in the darkness. Mrs. Frazee is of the opinion that the footpad is a local tough.

Jury Disagreed in Riot Cases. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

but the police have been unable to find

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15 .- The trial the seventeen men arrested for rioting in New Salem came to an end at 5 o'clock this afternoon in a disagreement of the jury. Ten stood for acquittal and two for conviction. The jury had been out four hours. They assured the court that an agreement was impossible, and asked to be discharged. This being Saturday an im mense crowd was attracted to town by the trial, and excitement was intense. The attorneys in the case made bitter, flery speeches and added to the general warm feeling. The prosecuting witness, James Barnes, who claims the men charged with rioting stoned his house and assaulted him when he objected, was an object of much curiosity. The jury was discharged, and it

is not known how soon there will be a sec-A Terror with the Women.

Special to the Indianapolis sournal. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 15 .- A man giving his name as Howard was arrested here for swindling women whose acquaintance he made by pretending to want to employ a housekeeper. He is wanted at Effingham, Ill., and Seneca, Kan. In the latter | wife, place he gave the name of H. C. Wilmoth. letter from Mrs. Wilmoth, received today, says she is his wife. He left Seneca. Jan. 19, and robbed his wife of her jewelry and what money she had. In St. Louis h induced a widow to dispose of all her household goods and stole the proceeds of their sale. His real name is said to be H. C. Howe, and under that name he was recently married to Mrs. Belle Buell, the daughter of a prominent citizen, of Effingham. He probably will be taken to Effingham to answer to the charge.

New Insurance Company. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ROCKPORT, Ind., Feb. 15. - Leading farmers of Spencer, Perry and Warrick countles have organized a company to insure farm buildings and stock against fire and lightning at a lower rate than they have ever been able to procure from other companies. The company starts in business with a capital stock of \$250,000, with headquarters in this city. No insurance will be solicited or written on property outside of those counties, and only on farm property. The plan of the organization stipulates for low rates and prompt and satisfactory settlement in case of loss,

Toll Gate "Yanked Out" by the Roots. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15.—Quite a decided the Phillips land case, awarding forty heirs in New Jersey and Pennsylvania little excitement was created here this fore- about \$1,000 each. The technicality upon little excitement was created here this forenoon by William Robinson and son Albert.

both prominent farmers, refusing to pay toll

dragged it several rods. The company will probably bring suit for damages at once. his being the only tell pike in the county there exists much ill feeling about the tol system and other less violent attempts have been made to set it aside.

Glass Company Sued for \$25,000. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Ind., Feb. 15.-A damage suit, in which the demand was for \$25,000, was filed in the Madison Circuit Court today against the Pittsburg Plate-glass Company, operating a plant at Elwood. The plaintiff, J. W. Stevens, while employed in the factory, was caught in one of the machines in the grinding room and terribly mangled. It is alleged that his injuries will render him a permanent cripple.

Society Events at Jeffersonville. special to the Indianapolis Journal.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15. -Three of the first society events of the new year occurred last night. At the home of Captain and Mrs. A. J. Howard the Iro-quois Club entertained a number of young friends at a private hop. Ex-City Treas-urer Veasey entertained in honor of his nephew, Alexander Veasey, and at the residence of Lewis Girdler a number of young folks gave a dance.

James Duckett Drops Dead. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 15,-James S. Duckett, aged seventy, dropped dead this evening of heart disease at his home in this city, where apolis. The young men are employed in a picycle factory.

To Make a Bust of Colfax. SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 15 .- Miss Francis M. Goodwin, formerly of New Castle, Ind., has been commissioned by the government to make a marble bust of the late Vice President Schuyler Colfax, of South Bend, to be placed in the Senate gallery at Washington.

Suicide of Michael Bolton. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. VINCENNES, Ind., Feb. 15 .- Michael Bol-

ton, a married man, aged fifty-five, committed suicide at his home in North Vin-cennes to-day by shooting himself in the abdomen. Business and domestic troubles caused it. Wabash Shoe Factory Burned.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Ind., Feb. 16 .- The factory the Wabash Shoe Company, in the western \$20,000. Origin of fire unknown.

Four Big Four Cars Wrecked. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LEBANON, Ind., Feb. 15.-In a freight wreck on the Big Four railway, just west of this city, this evening, four cars were de-

Indiana Notes. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beck and Miss Hattie Sparks, of Connersville, left last evening for a three weeks' tour to New Orleans The Rush County Fair Association has een organized with the following officers: resident, Wm. O. Walters; vice president Chomas A. Jones; secretary, Wm. L. King; treasurer, Samuel Abercrombie.

Robert Anderson, a carpenter on the Bartlett, Kuhn & Co. elevator, at Terre Haute, was instantly killed yesterday by a heavy piece of timber falling from above and crushing his skull. He was a single man, and came from Minneapolis.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Eliza G. Nicholson, Proprietress of the New Orleans Picayune.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.-Mrs. Eliza G. Nicholson, proprietress of the Picayune, died at 8:20 o'clock this morning. She was suffering from the grip when her husband died a week ago, and the sad event so shattered her system that the disease de-veloped into congestion of the lungs, and, vithout strength to fight off the attack, the sank rapidly into the final sleep.

Mrs. Nicholson was born on Pearl river. Mississippi, and was the daughter of Capt. J. W. Poitevent, descended from a Huguenot family still one of the most influential in the section. She was born a poet, and under the name of Parl Rivers early wrote songs which made her famous. Her first verses were published in the Home Journal, and Lippincott published a volume of her lyrics which earned praise from Paul H. Hayne and other poets and critics. Her latest contributions to American verse were "Hagar" and "Leah," in the Cosmopolitan, intended to begin a series of biblical lyrics. The work of her youth attracted the attention of Col. A. M. Holbrook, then proprietor of the Picayune, who offered her a position on the paper, which she accepted. She became his wife and increased her mastery of the details of newspaper work, so that on his death she was enabled to assume the management of the journal and direct its progress to gratifying success, becoming one of the best known editors in the country. She associated George Nicholson, then business manager, in the direction of the property, and on their marriage the firm became Nicholson & Co. Of late years Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, feeling that their interests no longer required constant personal attention, allowed an able staff to conduct the active work of their journal and devoted most of their time to travel and recreation, although she constantly made suggestions and preserved an intimate knowledge of every detail. She leaves two

sons, the oldest only fourteen years of age. Other Deaths. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Rev. George Sayres, a retired clergyman of the Episcoed eightyold resident of Jamaica, L. I., dropped dead while walking on the street a short distance from his residence, last night. He was never married and leaves a large estate.

Heart disease is believed to have been the cause of death. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.-Mr. A. W. Fagin, ne of the most widely-known citizens of St. Louis, having been prominently identifled with the business and general growth of the city for more than half a century died at his home here this morning, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Fagin was one of

the wealthiest men in the city. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 15 .- John Wright has died at his home in Santa Rosa county, aged 128 years. He had been blind for many years, but was mentally sound. He leaves four generations of descendants. CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- Mrs. Hugo Von Elsner died to-day at her home on Adams street, Mrs. Von Elsner was the mother of the prima donna Litta. BOSTON, Feb. 15 .- Thomas Hewes Hinck-

ey, an artist of wide fame, died at his home

in Milton to-day, aged eighty-three years. Charged with Poisoning His Wife. MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 15 .- A sensation has been caused here by the arrest of Henry David Hearn, a leading light in the Baptist Church, who is accused of causing the death of his wife by the administration of nitric acid which he had obtained from a local physician for alleged analytical purposes. The arrest was made on the information of the accused's stepdaughter, who alleges that an ante-mortem statement of the deceased woman, who died suddenly in convulsions

denies that he administered the poison to his

yesterday, attributed the cause of death to poisoning at her husband's hands. Hearn

One Operator Shoots Another. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.-George Crooks, aged nineteen, shot and perhaps fatally wounded Fred Wessel, aged twentyone, here this afternoon. The bullet entered Wessel's abdomen and his condition is serious. Crooks is in jail. The men are Western Union telegraph operators. They operated either end of a local wire, and yesterday quarreled. They had agreed to fight it out to-day at the telegraph office, but accidentally met on a street car bound for the city Wessel dragged Crooks from the car and was jumping on him when Crooks shot him.

The Platte Gorged with Ice. SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 15.—The ice gorge which formed in the Platte river, two or three miles above the wagon bridge at this point one week ago, remains unbroken, and the water continues to flow over the banks on this side and pass down the depression about one mile north of the river. The second gorge was formed at the lower end of the depressioin, which caused the water to overflow hundreds of acres of hay land and float away thousands of tons of hay. Several families have been obliged to abandon

Forty Heirs Given \$1,000 Each. CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- Judge Gibbons to-day which they were given the award was brought out as the result of a quarrel between George Phillips and his father, aged to the turnpike company. The poll being eighty. The old man desired to dispose of

FLAG MASTS SHOT OFF

WITH CANNON BALLS FIRED BY FRENCH WAR VESSEL.

Great Britains National Emblem Soiled in the Dust and Mud of One of the Society Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- L. Paris Le Claire, late prosecuting officer for the French government at Papeete, Tahiti, brings news of a serious skirmish which took place between the French force and the natives of Raitoea before he left the islands early in January. The natives rebelled against French rule, and British flags were raised in the principal villages. Le Claire says a French ironclad proceeded to the scene of the insurrection and bombarded both villages. No troops were landed, but there was considerable firing from the ship. Guns were brought to bear on the flagmasts from which the British flags were flying, and flags and poles were leveled to the ground. There was no disposition to spill blood or harm the natives in the slightest, so no shells were thrown. The flag poles were brought down with sons, John and William Duckett, and a daughter who is married, reside in Indian-

LONDON STAGE GOSSIP.

Willard to Put on Jones's Play-Failures at Duke of York's Theater. (Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 15.-E. S. Willard will make no change in his bill until after Easter, when "The Professor's Love Story" will be withdrawn, and the new play by Henry Arthur Jones substituted. "The twenty-fifth London representation. The new Lyceum play, which is an English version of Coppee's "Pour La Couronne," will be produced on Wednesday, Feb. 26. By an arrangement with Comyns Carr. Winifred Emery will assume the leading part, while Mrs. Patrick Campbell will assume a minor role. Forbes Robertson has recently been in Paris for the purpose of witnessing the be much better mounted and costumed in London than it was in Paris. Mr. Robertson gives as his reasons why the idea of producing "Othello" was abandoned, that, as the expense would be great and his lease of the Lyceum is limited to Irving's return, the undertaking is not warranted. The Duke of York's theater, which has had a disastrous experience under the management of Messrs Cartwright and Davis, has again reverted to Horace Sedger. Of the three plays, "Her Advocate," "Tommy Atkins" and "The Fool of the Family," produced under the former management, only the first was a partial success, while the latter was withdrawn after a brief run of three nights. Mr. Sedger will shortly revive "The Gay Parisians" and is now engaged in finding a company for the new comedy by Robert Buchanan and Charles Marlowe.

After the termination of the run of "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," last Saturday night, Terry's theater was closed until Friday evening and Mr. Kerr and his mpany were busily engaged in rehearsing 'Jedbury J." which was then produced successfully and which promises to have a long run. The comedy, "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past," which was withdrawn from the Avenue Theater, last Wednesday night, to make room for the production of "The New Bar-maid," will, on Monday, Feb. 17, be transferred to the Court Theater. After months of delay and frequent anhe new theater in the Hay Market. The plans are for a theater the same size as the yric, and a hotel which combines the advantages of cafe and residential chambers. A large force of workmen is now engaged

n excavating for the new foundation. Sir Arthur Sullivan has been appointed conductor of the music festival to be held Wales in June. This is the festival which the late Sir Joseph Barnby would have conducted, had not death unfortu-nately intervened. The cast of the new opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, at the Savoy Theater, includes Rosina Brandram, Forence Perry and Emma Owen, and Rutland Barrington, Walter Passmore, Kenning-ham and Scott Fische. A special engagement has been entered into with Mme. Von Palma, the Viennese actress, who made her debut in England last summer in "Der Vogel Handler," when that opera was produced at Drury Lane. The business at the leading theaters con-

tinues good. Wilson Barrett is doing a phenomenal business with "The Sign of the Cross" at the Lyric, "Trilby" continues to turn away money nightly and "The Prisoner of Zenda" still draws crowded houses. the same holds good at the Adelphi, the Criterion, the Royalty. The Shaftesbury, with "A Woman's Reason," and the Com-edy, with "The Late Mr. Castello," are doing fairly well.

French Cabinet May Resign. PARIS. Feb. 15 .- The Senate to-day, by a vote of 139 to 70, readopted the resolution passed by that body on Feb. 11 (after the

Premier, M. Bourgeois, had demanded a vote of confidence on the question of the Southern railway scandals), deprecating the irregularities disclosed and demanding a searching inquiry. It is now rumored the Ministry intends to resign, in spite of the Thursday last, voted confidence in the government on the same question. President Felix Faure to decide what was the best course for them to pursue, the President promised to give a reply on Sun-day. It is probable that the French Ministry will be remodeled next week, M. Ricard, the French Minister of Justice, and M. Combes, the Minister of Public Instruc-

tion, retiring from the Cabinet. Boers Want to Break a Contract. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 15.-David MacLaren, millionaire lumberman of this city, has gone to England to interview Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, with a view to securing the release of W. R. Lingham, formerly of Belleville, Ont., who is now imprisoned at Johannesburg by the Transvaal government. Lingham is manager of a company which has important railway concessions in the Transvaal, and it is said that the Boer government wants to break the contract.

Duty on Cigars and Cigarettes. BRUSSELS, Feb. 15.-The Chamber of Deputies to-day has adopted a bill imposing duties on cigars and cigarettes which, in the future will pay 600 francs per one hundred kilos. In addition, manufactured tobacco must now pay 120 francs per hundred kilos; tobacco strips, 75 francs per hundred kilos; full leaf tobacco, 55 francs per hundred kilos, and an additional excise duty of 20 francs per hundred kilos will be levied on unmanufactured foreign tobacco.

Mrs. Davidson Arraigned. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- Mrs. Mary Abbott Davidson was arraigned in the Superior Court to-day, charged with extorting \$500 from Rev. C. O. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational Church. The defendant moved for a dismissal of the case, alleging irregularity in the information. The motion was taken under advisement until next Friday. If overruled, the case will then be set for trial. In the meantime, Dr. Brown will be tried by the Congregational Council for his alleged acts of im-

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 15 .- At Pratt's mines, in Alabama, where the State con-victs are worked, a shocking double tragedy occurred to-day. William Stainback, a notorious negro murderer serving a life sentence, made an assault on John Crook, the boss, plunging a coal pick three times into Crook's back and head, beating out his brains, causing instant death. Stainback

then made a desperate effort to escape, but

Murderous Convict Shot.

Negro Shot by a Mob.

was shot to death by the guards.

Suggs early this morning while the latter was attempting to arrest him, was caught about twenty-five miles north of Montgom-ery this evening. While a deputy sheriff was bringing the prisoner to the county jail tonight a mob of several hundred citizens flagged the train near the city and took him from the deputy sheriff and hanged and shot him to death.

Wants More Bonds. NEW YORK, Feb. 16 .- The World this

with a bid for any or all of the bonds, bids for which have lapsed through a fail ure of bidders to make the first payment yesterday (Saturday), as required by the terms of the circular. This company has already taken \$2,000,000 of the bonds at 110.90, and has made the first payment and part of the second in gold, which was not taken from the Unite. States treasury. It has on hand sufficient gold to make the necessary payments under its new bid.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

Coated with Tar and Asbestos and Ordered to Leave Town.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 15.-Rev. William Bailey, a Christian scientst preacher, was tarred by a mob in this city to-night. Yesterday a husband at whose house he had been staying had to secure assistance in ejecting him. It was rumored that his relations with the woman of the house were not what they should have been. To-night, soon after 10 o'clock, he was pulled out of bed by a mob, taken to the railroad yards and treated to a coat of tar and asbestos. He was nearly scared to death, and prayed, begging and trembling. After being tarred he was released on a promise to leave town at sunrise to-morrow

PAREPA-ROSA'S CAREER.

Romance of the Famous Prima Donna's Life Recalled.

New York Maid and Express. On the morning of Jan. 23, 1874, the music-lovers of America were startled to read of the death in London on the previous evening of Parepa-Rosa, the famous and popular prima donna. It was startling news to New Yorkers in particular, for the great singer had relatives here and more admirers than in any other American city, and not a word of her illness had preceded the sudden news of her death.

There are, of course, many veterans of Professor's Love Story" is now nearing its | the present army of opera-goers and patrons of vocal music of to-day who remem-ber the warm place in the public's affections which Parepa-Rosa held, and to the younger generation her name and fame are familiar. Hers was a career of genuine romance. Her mother, an English lady named Seguin and a daughter of a famous basso singer, Edward Seguin, married a Walcherian baron, Georgia des De Boyesku, greatly to the displeasure of his family and friends. His grandmother was the daughter of a Turkish Grand Vizier who had production of this play at the Odeon. The been strangled by order of the Sultan.

Almost within a year of their wedding the part of this city, was destroyed by fire at management promises that the play shall Baron died, and his widow, by reason of lives. Mrs. House brought her Bible to the marriage of Catholics and Protestants, was cut off from any share whatever in his estate. She was, therefore, at the age of one-and-twenty, left almost destitute with her infant daughter, who had been born in Edinburgh a few months before. This baby was the future prima donna, and her name was the curious one, Euphrosyne. The mother went on the stage to support herself and child, and the latter, as soon as she passed babyhood, showed extraordinary talent for music and languages. Be-fore reaching her teens the child could speak fluently in English, French, Italian, German and Spanish, and her singing was regarded as little short of marvelous for

It was in her eighteenth year that he but in opera was made, the scene being the Island of Malta and the part that of Amina in "La Sonnambula." Her success was such that engagements followed at many continental cities, and she was still less than nineteen years old when she wor the heart of musical London, where her debut was made in "I Puritani." She was soon afterwards called to Osborne to sing before the Queen and the royal family, and for upwards of six years remained in Great Britain, singing in English, German and Italian operas, conderts and oratorios. It was in 1863, in London, that she was wooed and won by Captain Cavril, an English officer, retired from the employ of the East India Company, and her grandfather, the famous basso, then in his eighty-fifth year, gave her away at the altar. Her mar-raige, however, was destined to be a wretched one. In a few months her husband took to speculating wildly, and after seven months he left her to go to Peru to look after some mines in which he had sunk her fortune, and his own, amountin in all to about £25,000. She never saw him again, as he died soon after reaching Peru

and when her child was born it lived but little while. It was not until 1865 that she visited this country, and her debut was made at Irving Hall, on Sept. 11, 1865, in concert, another of the performers being Herr Carl Rosa, who also made his American debut. He was a violinst. The orchestra was led by Theodore Thomas. About two years later "Mile. Parepa," as she was then called, married Herr

Rosa, who became her manager.

Machine Shops Burned. EAGLE PASS, Tex., Feb. 15.-The mahine shops of the Mexican International railroad, at Cuidad Porfiriodiaz, Mex., were burned to-day. At 1:30 a. m. fire was discovered issuing from the engine room connected with the machine shops, and within two hours, the shops, boiler power house, electric plant and two locomotives were completely destroyed, entailing an aggregate loss of about \$200,000, with no insurance. The shops were the finest in Mexico, and had kept in constant employ ment about 400 men, with a monthly pay

roll of \$35,000. The shops will be rebuilt. HAS REACHED ARKANSAS.

Matthews Bureau Established

Little Rock-Gone to Covington. Governor Matthews's presidential boom is described as growing. The Democratic State central committee has been turned into a Matthews machine, which is working in behalf of the farmer Governor. The committee is sending out literature to the Western States in the hope of gaining recruits for the Matthews supporters. Yesterday Mr. After the council of Ministers had asked Matthews left for Covington, Ky., it being said that he went to visit his mother. There was a report, however, to the effect that he had gone to confer with certain politicians of Kentucky concerning his boom. Sterling R. Holt, chairman of the State committee, and Thomas Taggart, chief State adviser and dictator of the Hoosier Democracy. were both in the city last evening and denied knowing of any significance to be attached

to Mr. Matthews's visit to Kentucky. Letters have been scattered broadcast through the neighboring and Western States calling attention to Mr. Matthews's candidacy. Prominent Democrats all over the country are now receiving letters signed by Sterling R. Holt, in which the virtues of the Indiana Governor are set forth. A telegram from Little Rock, Ark., states that the Matthews managers are making a strong affort in that State to advance the interests of the Matthews boom. A correspondence bureau has been established and prominent Democrats are receiving letters urging a favorable consideration of the Indiana Governor These letters are signed by Mr. Holt and they recount in glowing terms the public services of Governor Matthews, commenhim to the favorable consideration of the Arkansas Democracy. After stating that Governor Matthews is a practical farmer, a strong sympathizer with the laboring classes and a life-long Democrat, the letter con-

"It must be accepted as a fact, if we hope to win in the coming contest, that the De mocracy must look to the great West for a leader who will impress the whole country as a wise, able and conservative man, a man in close touch with the masses. Indiana believes that the tide will be irresistible for Western man, and that in the person Governor Matthews the ideal candidate "Will you kindly inform me, at your earli

est convenience, of your candid opinion as to the probability for support, either in your district or State?"

ONE-THIRD TOOK STOCK.

German Mutual Reorganization Books Closed to Members.

The books of the German Mutual Insurance Company have been closed, and policy holders no longer have power to accept the privilege of taking stock in the reorganized company. Mr. Lorenz Schmidt secretary of the company, gladly showed the books last evening, which indicate that MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 15.—Robert | the stock in the new company has not Williams, a negro who killed police officer | been centralized to any great extent, Many been centralized to any great extent. Many names appear for small amounts. Of the 1,725 policy holders, 639 accepted their privileges by purchasing stock. Some of these had purchased the privileges of others, Of the whole number of policy holders, 1,086 did not appear to claim their privi-lege. These 639 subscribers took 1,084 shares of stock, subscribing \$54,200. The list of subscribers indicates that the majority of stock is still held by the small stock-

Those policy holders who did not have was placed in the hands of Louis Hohman, as receiver, was sold to-day to a syndicate and pulled the construction down and was suddenly undeceived by Phillips senior. lowered to prevent their passage they backed some property, and, being opposed by the morning says: A messenger from the Inup their team, hitched on with a log chain son, who supposed himself the sole heir, lowered to prevent their passage they backed some property, and, being opposed by the objected to the change of the company are still

Nicotine Neutralized No Nerves Quaking No Heart Palpitating No Dyspeptic Aching

complaining of the action. Several of them have sought legal advice, but no decision has been reached on challenging the action of the company. The discontented policy holders have been advised, however, that they have little cause for complaint, for the change from a mutual to a stock company was made after a vote of all mem-

FREE LOVE COLONY.

Complaint of a Wife Brings to Light a Case of "Spiritual Love."

Mariona Hendershot and Augusta House. who were arrested Thursday on the charge of unlawfully living together, and who claim that their relations are sanctioned by divine writ, were in Police Court yesterday morning. Hendershot admits that Mrs. House is his spiritual wife, but denies that there has been improper conduct on the part of either. He says he is the exponent of a new doctrine. He declares that he and Mrs. House have led spiritually pure Police Court, and while Hendershot was testifying she stared vacantly above the

head of the court. "Seven years ago I discovered the true light," said Hendershot to the court, "and I had studied my Bible for years to understand it. The woman to whom I was married did not agree with me in many things, and Mrs. House did. The Bible says you must desert father, mother, wife and children and follow Christ. Mrs. House and I were one in unity, and, such being the case, Mrs. House told the court that there are many believers in the new doctrine living in the neighborhood of Malott Park, and

Hendershot said he had converted many people to his belief. Judge Cox took the case under advisement and raised the bond of the defendants to \$200 each.

Her Boy Incorrigible. Elizabeth Meier made an affidavit in the Criminal Court yesterday, asking the Judge to send her son, Valentine Meier, to the Reform School for Boys. She says the youth is absolutely incorrigible and grows more victous every day. Special Judge Brown will investigate the complaint.

Waived Examination. John Kramer and Fred Hunt, arrested on a charge of burglary by detectives Kinney and Richards, waived preliminary examination in Police Court yesterday and were bound over to the grand jury. They are accused of breaking into a junk shop and stealing a lot of copper and lead.

Wants to Compromise. William M. Locke, administrator of the estate of George M. Martin, who was killed by a street car about a year ago, yesterday filed a petition with the probate commissioner asking authority to compromise with the Citizens' Street-railroad Company for

Slot-Machine Cases. Police Judge Cox fined T. K. Igoe \$5 and costs for running a slot machine, and an appeal was taken to the Criminal Court. The same fine was assessed in all of the slot-machine cases.

Guardian Appointed. William O. Moore has been appointed guardian of Thomas H. Moore. The court fixed the bond at \$3,500.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

A lamp exposion last night caused the loss of a store owned by Charles Albright at No. 219 Camp street. The loss was about \$500.

Dr. M. B. Lawrence will give a free ex-

hibition of stereopticon scenes from the life of Washington in the Criminal Court room next Saturday night. The members of Grace M. E. Church last night surprised their pastor, Rev. H. J. Black, and gave him a donation party. The presents were many and a varied as-

William A. Bell, of the Indiana School Journal, will address the Progress Club, Sunday afternoon, on "Two Phases of Social-ism, Illustrated by the New Harmony Ex-Allen L. Thurman, son of the late Allen

G. Thurman, was here visiting last week. He was at the home of John S. Thurman. No. 939 North Pennsylvania street. He left yesterday morning. Rev. D. J. Ellison, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will administer the ordinance of baptism to several candidates at

the close of this evening's service, with spe-

cial music for the occasion. McKee Passes Through the City. H. Sellers McKee came in from Pittsburg at 7 o'clock last night and left at 11:30 for Chicago. He was accompanied by Samuel Beech, one of the street-railway stock-holders. Mr. Beech denies that the Mc-Donald faction owns a controlling interest in the road. Mr. McKee declined to talk.



who are suppos to represent great strength and perfect ealth, are likely to lie of consumption. Mere muscularity sn't always health. Disease will develop rapidly once let the germs of consump tion get into a man' system, and it will kill him certainly and surely if he doesn't take the proper measures to get rid of it. Exercise and work and dieting and all that sort of thing are good enough in

Even Blacksmiths

their way, but conthe things that they won't cure. The bacillus of consumption is a living organism. It is infinitesimal, but it is alive. The only way to get rid of it is to kill it. If it isn't killed, it will develop and multiply. Germs are wonderfully prolific. In the quickest imaginable time, one becomes a thousand, and a thousand a million. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a germ hunter and a germ killer. Wherever a disease germ lurks in the body, the "Discovery" will find it-will render it harmless. It doesn't make any difference what you call your disease, or what kind of a germ it is. All germs circulate in the blood. The "Golden Medical Discovery" purifies the blood-purges it of germs-enriches it with life-giving properties. It not only kills disease, but it builds up health. It is a tonic, a nervine, or nerve-food, or invigorator and blood-pu-

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